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Prairie View A. & M. College
Prairie View, Texas
April 27, 1947

To all our children everywhere:

We want you to know that we warmly appreciate all the wonderful letters of good will and all the gifts which have given us great satisfaction, and sincerely wish that it were possible for us to acknowledge them in a more tangible and less formal manner.

Faithfully yours,

GLOVINA V. and W. RUTHERFORD BANKS

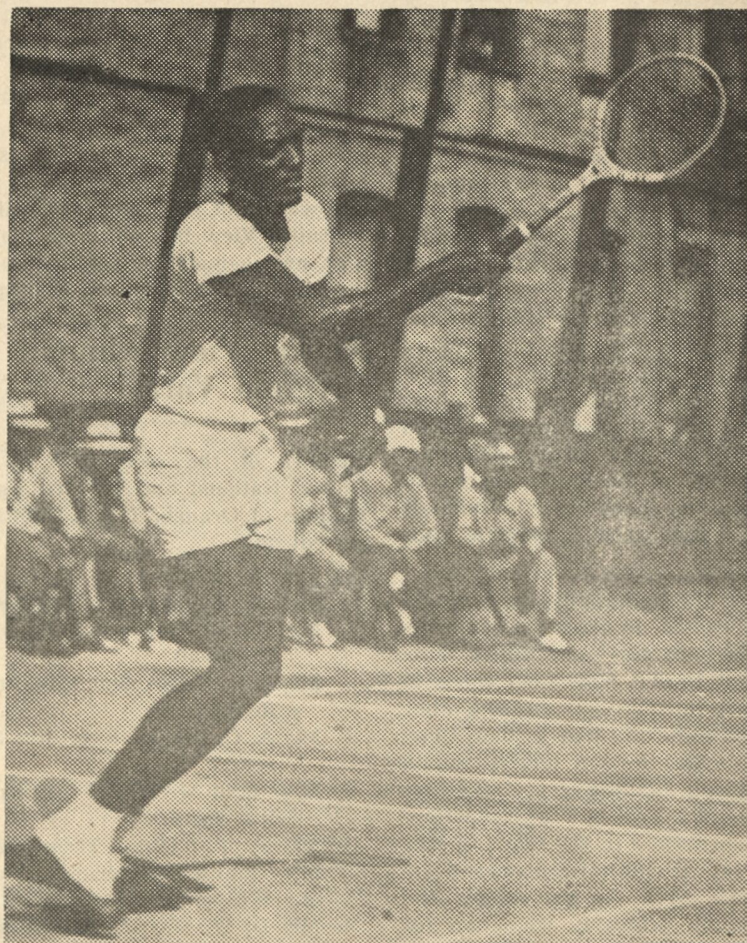
ORGANIZE THAT P.V. CLUB

HAVE YOU AFFILIATED WITH THE P.V. ALUMNI
AND EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION?

Remember--May 17, Alumni Day



Mr. J. CLARENCE DAVIS '32
is Managing Editor of the Dallas
Express.



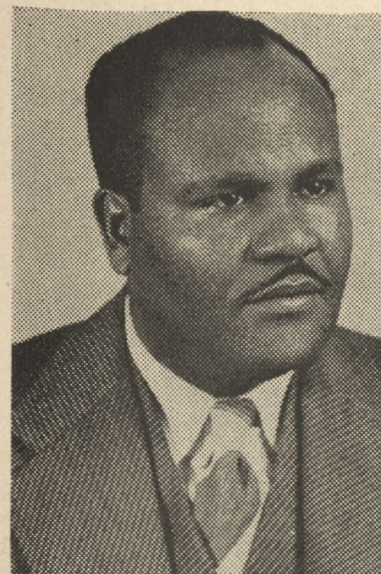
Mr. Lloyd Scott, National No. 2 tennis
player. Mr. Scott is President of the Grad-
uate Club on the campus.



Mr. TALMADGE BREWER
'46 is studying in Michigan
State

The Prairie View Standard

VARIED PROGRAM PLANNED FOR MAY 17



Mr. R. W. Hilliard, President of the
Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students As-
sociation and Area President (Texas and
Louisiana) of the National Alumni Asso-
ciation.

Texan Holds High Position with United Nations

By Gladys P. Graham
(The Pittsburgh Courier)

Marshall Everett Williams, Texan, is one of the top ranking officials at the secretariat (the administrative and executive body) of the United Nations. He holds the title of "chief application analyst", in the bureau of personnel. Thirty thousand applications have been received by his office from job-seekers from the fifty-one member countries of the U. N.

In an executive interview with The Courier, Williams stated that his division was one of the 110 departments scattered over the 600,000 sq. ft. leased by the United Nations from the United States Government. "The Sperry Gyroscope Company plant in which the administrative offices of the secretariat are located, the delegates' lounge, security council auditorium, press and broadcasting rooms and staff cafeteria, is considered one of the largest self-contained units in the country. Ninety-nine per cent of our space is on the first floor," he declared.

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The Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association has a varied program arranged for the Commencement season. On May 17, a 10:00 A. M. open program will be held. Dr. J. M. Drew and Dr. W. R. Banks will discuss the "Educational Outlook for Negroes in Texas". At 2:00 P. M., Dr. E. B. Evans, Principal, will give a fireside chat to the "exes". The business session will follow. At 7:15 P. M., a banquet will be given for Alumni and Ex-Students, graduating seniors, faculty and visitors. The various classes will sit together. The re-union classes of 1927 and 1937 will have a special part on this program. Citations will be presented Mr. W. L. D. Johnson, Mr. W. L. Davis, Dr. J. M. Franklin and Mr. C. H. Hogan, Sr. At 9:15 P. M., the group will go to the gym for the annual dance.

On Sunday, May 18, in connection with commencement, three Alumni Association honor awards will be made to Mr. Hobart Taylor, prominent Houston, Texas businessman; Mr. Marshall E. Williams, outstanding

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With Recent Prairie View Graduates

Doing Advanced Study:

Mr. Winifred Thomas—Cornell; Mr. Talmadge Brewer—Michigan State; Mr. Frederick Smith—Michigan State; Mr. K. H. Montgomery is studying law.

Positions in Other Colleges:

Mr. G. W. Adams—Southern University; Mr. John A. Murphy—A. & T. College, North Carolina; Mr. Marshall Warren—A. & T. College, North Carolina; Mr. William Batts—Mary Allen College, Crockett, Texas; Mr. B. T. W. Brembry, Dean of College, Arkansas Baptist College; Mrs. Anna G. Sasser—Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Samuel B. Taylor, Coach, Virginia Union; Mrs. Douglass Perry Woolfolk—Mary Allen College, Crockett, Texas; Miss Erma B. Jones—Tennessee State College, Nashville; Mrs. Cecelia Scott Lane—Houston College; Mrs. Thelma Rand Fennoy—Butler College.

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Mrs. Jessie Robertson, 1st Vice-Presi-
dent of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-
Students Association. She has been in
attendance at all meetings, except one, in
25 years.

A Suggested Program for Prairie View Clubs

The General Alumni and Ex-Students Association suggests the following program for local clubs:

1. Two or more former students are enough to form a club.
2. A club should take part in all worth-while community activities.

A. Red Cross

B. March of Dimes

C. Work with citizens committees in contacting city officials or school boards or welfare agencies regarding matters of community welfare. (1) Street lights; (2) Participation in fairs, parades, (Armistice Day, Army Day, etc.) (3) Better streets; (4) Garbage collection; (5) Health services; (6) Better pay for teachers and other forgotten groups.

D. Numerous requests are made for sponsors of programs, etc. It gives your club prestige to work with worthy activities of this type. Then when your club comes before the public with something for its own welfare, it cannot be viewed as purely selfish.

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VARIETY

By R. W. HILLIARD

For the second time this school year, Dr. Evans has given an issue of the Standard for Alumni and Ex-Students. Numerous comments have come in regarding the "newsy" October issue. We hope that this one will meet the approval of the readers—especially the Alumni and Ex-Students. One thousand extra copies are being mailed to our "exes" and we are asking them to read the issue and pass it on.

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Clubs are being organized far and near. Recently, we have heard from New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Galveston and Austin. We want to hear from others on Alumni Day, May 17, 1947.

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Mr. W. P. Terrell wired from Washington, D. C., inquiring about the Academic building being burned. We wired back that it was a fact. Numerous calls and letters came regarding the old landmark. Fortunately both vaults (Treasurer's and Registrar's) stood up. This means, of course, that all permanent records were safe. Applications for admission to summer school were burned. Persons who wrote in should write a second letter.

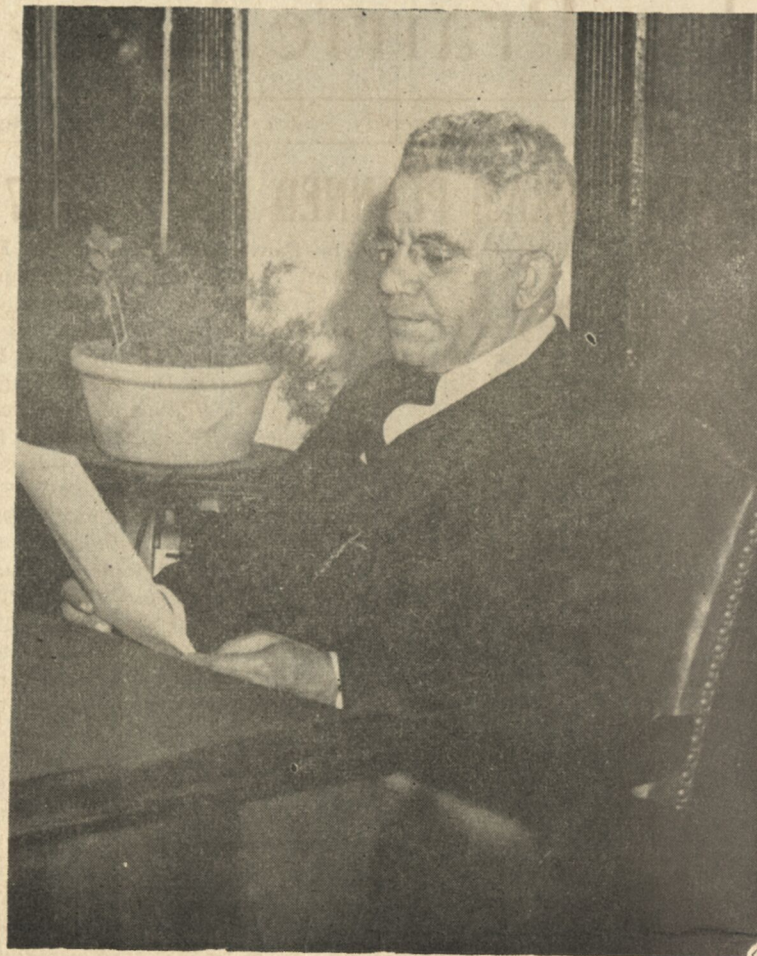
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Now that the new quarters for veterans have been completed, Prairie View can take 300 more students. The enrollment can climb to approximately 1700.

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We had a grand time homecoming. Southern whipped us good, but they did not get our spirit.

The parade was superb. The dedication of the library was most impressive, according to witnesses. The "U" club presented a bust of Mr. Banks. Mr. Hathaway, of Tuskegee, did a magnificent job. When one views the bust, there is a tendency to think that "Something is missing."



Principal E. B. Evans will talk to the "Exes"
2:00 P.M., Saturday, May 17, 1947.

On second thought, the answer comes—"It is the glasses." The class of '30 presented a bound volume of letters numbering more than 100. Men and women whose names are connected with the building of America, praise Mr. Banks for his work and wish him well in these letters. The Prairie View employees gave a \$1000.00 bond. The Alumni and Ex-Students Association presented Mrs. G. V. Banks a silver service set. Mrs. Banks was surprised and overcome. She wept. Mr. Banks was speechless for the first time.

Rev. I. B. Loud delivered an excellent address.

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The class of 1937 perhaps lead all others in number and variety of professional men and women. They will have a swell re-union May 17, 1947. Mrs. Eula Muckleroy Dooley is acting as class secretary to draw them together. Recently, she had some members over at her lovely home to plan and chew.

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The news of the death of my class-mate and good friend, Prof. I. T. Anderson, was shocking.

Mr. C. S. Wells is about to get his deserved break. He has just been awarded a Songwriter's Contract.

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Weigh all that you read about who stood for what on the bi-racial committee. It is unprofessional to come out of meetings and cry because you did not get every point across. No Negro would have any reason to plan against his group in this educational move.

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We are young in this game of politics. We will make some mistakes. Under no condition should we copy the Chicago or Detroit or Kansas City method of playing the game. Mr. Wesley, in the April 23 Informer, does a good job on this whole question.

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The white leaders in our state politics are to be commended for not giving a favorable nod to a white primary bill.



Members of the General Education Board and State Department of Education officials visited Prairie View, April 10, 1947. Standing left to right: Mr. J. B. Rutland, State Department of Education; Mr. George Long, A. & M. College; Mr. Robert D. Calkins, Dean of the Columbia University Business School and Associate Director of the General Education Board; Mr. Fred McCuiston, Assistant Director of the Board; Dr. J. L. Brown, State Department of Education; Mr. Gordon Wor-

ley, State Department of Education. Seated left to right: Principal E. B. Evans, Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, and Principal Emeritus W. R. Banks.

Outstanding Ex-Students And Graduates of the Mechanic Arts Div.

Roy Sealy—Architect,
Los Angeles, California
F. M. Taylor—Contractor,
1525 Fairview Street, Berkeley 3,
California.
Noble Houston—Contractor,
Los Angeles, California.
L. E. Fry—Architect,
747 Clark St., Jefferson City, Mo.
George W. Williams—Printing In-
structor—Lincoln University, Jef-
ferson City, Mo.
I. J. Collier—Sup. of Buildings,
Lincoln University, Jefferson City,
Mo.
Roland Adams—Repairman,
Lincoln University, Jefferson City,
Mo.

J. M. Thomas—Building Contractor,
2015 Brackenridge, Houston, Texas
J. J. Abernethy—Dir. of Vocational
Education, Houston College, Hous-
ton, Texas.
H. S. Houston—Prof. of Drawing,
Prairie View University, Prairie
View.
F. G. Fry—Chief Engineer,
Prairie View University, Prairie
View.
L. O. Jones—Architectural Designer,
San Benito, Texas.
Dr. W. T. Daniels—Civil Engineer,
Box 155, Howard University, Wash-
ington, D. C.
E. B. Crudupt—Draftsman,
Bethlehem Steel Company, San
Pedro, Calif.
J. L. Martin—Veterans Counselor,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Leo Orr—Lumber Dealer and House
Plumber, Frost, Texas.
M. E. Williams—Analyst with UNO,
New York City, N. Y.

Samuel Hemington—Principal,
Fairview, Texas.
William Love—Contractor,
Los Angeles, Calif.
F. R. Pierson—Public Schools,
Beaumont, Texas.
Franklin Wesley—Prof. of Radio
Eng., Prairie View, Texas.
V. E. Punch—Capt. A. A. F.,
Tuskegee Institute.
Dilliard Alsobrooks—Engineer for
DuPont Co., Orange, Texas.
Stephen Prater—Contractor,
Galveston, Texas.
A. T. Miller—Principal,
Port Arthur, Texas.
L. H. Caldwell—Engineer,
Berkley, Calif.
T. L. Holley—Itinerant Teacher,
Prairie View, Texas.
I. B. Kemp—Principal,
Columbus, Texas.
Denoy Miles, Inst. of Shoe Repairing,
Southern University, Baton Rouge,
La.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Left to right: Mr. D. W. Martin, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mr. Wm. Batts, Chaplain;

Mr. A. W. McDonald, Parliamentarian; Mr. O. J. Thomas, Chairman of Membership

Committee.

CLUBS

1. Los Angeles Prairie View Club, Mr. Hugh Porter, President
2. The New York Prairie View Club, Mr. S. H. Fowler, President, 76 Edgecombe Ave., Apt. 1, New York
3. The Washington, D. C., Prairie View Club, Mr. W. P. Terrell, President, 1505 T. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
4. The Dallas Prairie View Club, Mr. C. A. Waldon, President, Miss Mable Winn, 3017 Flora Street, Dallas, Secretary
5. The Galveston Prairie View Club, Mr. T. D. Armstrong, President, 1201 31st Street, Galveston, Texas
6. The Austin-Prairie View Club, Mr. I. Q. Hurdle, Sr., President, 1416 E. 12th Street, Austin, Texas
7. The Local Alumni Club at Prairie View College, Dr. E. M. Norris, President

We want all other clubs to register before Alumni Day, May 17, 1947.

TEXAN HOLDS HIGH—

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The technical specialist (on loan from the State Department in Washington) indicated that the bureau of personnel of which his office is a part, has three major functions: Recruitment and examination; staff relations and services, and salary administration and job evaluation.

He works in close collaboration with his superiors, Mary Smieton (Great Britain Civil Service specialist), William Lehman (of the Federal Civil Service Commission), and Dr. John McDiarmid, head of the Political Science Department of Northwestern University, all of whom are on loan to U. N.

STAFF OF SEVENTY-FOUR

Mr. Williams' immediate staff is comprised of seventy-four of the 2,400 employees at the secretariat.



Dr. E. M. Norris, President of the Local Alumni Club. The local club will be co-sponsors with the General Association in sponsoring the dance May 17, 1947.

All of the procedures (protocols) received, are in the working language French and English. The official languages were French, English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of Prairie View College in Texas, a major in engineering and mathematics, and has completed all of his residence requirements for an advanced degree in the field of public administration at the Graduate Center of American University in Washington, D. C.

He is now enrolled in the school of Law at New York University pursuing both international and labor law. His unpublished manuscripts and official surveys have done much toward improving the employment status of minority groups in Federal Civil Service.

Versatile, he has been a teacher of mathematics, junior high school principal, trainee qualification analyst, and has held a number of supervisory posts in public administration prior to his contract with U. N.

Regarding his choice of a public career in lieu of the pursuit of engineering, Williams replied, "during my employment with Federal Civil Service, I became interested in doing something constructive regarding the more-or-less fixed job status of minority groups which seem to have been relegated to that of messengers and low-grade clerks."

"Working together with liberal-minded supervisors and those interested practically, rather than theoretically, in the merit system, the changes which occurred and the placement of many well-qualified individuals into high-paying brackets is indicative that we made a dent in some of the traditional procedure of the commission."

"Further," he continued, "the field of personnel administration is wide open for the well-prepared, objective person who is primarily interested in people and in doing something about their problems."

"Opportunities are widening in this specialized area and it is highly important that some of our younger men get ready. The sooner the better," he said.

To the question as to the reaction of his subordinates to his administration, the articulate executive replied "race is not an issue with the United Nations Organization. Here, I believe, (and perhaps for the first time), technical training is recognized fully on the basis of merit and past performance on the job."

"I have had the pleasure of talking and interviewing experienced individuals from at least thirty different countries. I have found in many cases that our problems here are not of necessity unique. We are kept on the jump from start to finish. The experience is thrilling and challenging."

Mr. Williams will be given an Alumni Award May 18, 1947.



ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
PRAIRIE UNIV.
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEX.



Main Building Burns to Ground at Prairie View

Historic Academic Building burned to the ground here last week, leaving two fireproof vaults standing holding the records of the years since 1876. The building was designed and built in 1889, under the administration of Prof. L. C. Anderson, at a cost of \$25,000. Academic Building housed

Principals L. C. Anderson, E. L. Blackshear, I. M. Terrell, J. G. Osborne, W. R. Banks and E. B. Evans.

Before the turn of the century it was an office, classroom and guest building with an auditorium. The structure housed the nerve center of an institution which has furnished 75% of the teachers of Texas.

Included in the thousands of students who studied in the building

were T. T. Pollard, '90; A. G. Hilliard, Sr., '89; Perry Abner Winters, '89; R. L. Smith, '89 (last negro to serve in the Texas Legislature); R. A. Campbell, '89; R. E. L. Holland, A. R. Pickard, '89; J. H. Hodges, '89; and in this century, W. L. Davis, Mrs. A. L. Evans, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, W. L. D. Johnson, L. G. Luper, R. G. Johnson, Sr., Bishop McKinney, J. L. Horace and J. M. Alexander.

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Meeting of the National Alumni Association at Arkansas A & M College, Pine Bluff, Ark., April 11-12, 1947.

National Alumni Assoc. Picks Texas

The National Alumni Association, meeting in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, April 11 and 12, accepted the invitation to meet at Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas, April, 1948. The invitation from the noted school was extended by Miss Mary Agnes Yerwood, President of the Samuel Huston National Alumni Association. The organization is composed of Alumni and Ex-Students Associations of Negro Colleges. Dr. D. T. Rolfe, Executive Secretary of Meharry Alumni Association, was past president. His work was highly praised by the delegates. Among the speakers were President Lawrence Davis of Arkansas State, and Dr. Sidney J. Reedy of Lincoln University, president of the Lincoln Alumni and Ex-Students Association.

Officers for 1947-1948 are:

Dr. Geo. H. Spaulding (Morgan) President; Dr. Sidney J. Reedy (Lincoln) Vice-President; Mr. A. B. Reynolds (Winston-Salem) Executive Secretary; Miss Rachel E. Diggs (Winston-Salem) Assistant Secretary and Miss Mary A. Yerwood (Samuel Huston) Treasurer.

Area Presidents are: Texas and Louisiana—Mr. R. W. Hilliard (Prairie View); Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mis-

souri—Mr. Brown (Arkansas State); Alabama, Mississippi—Miss N. E. Johnson (Tougaloo); Georgia, Florida—Miss Colman (Florida A. & I.); North Carolina, South Carolina—Mr. Perdue; Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio—Mrs. D. T. Hailey (Morristown College); Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania to be appointed.

Mr. R. W. Hilliard, Area President and Miss Mary Agnes Yerwood are issuing a joint appeal for the 13 colleges in Texas and the five in Louisiana to affiliate 100 per cent and prepare to greet the 40 odd other members at Samuel Huston in Austin next year.

MAIN BUILDING BURNS

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Others were F. D. Paterson, R. M. Catchings, Atty. Lonnie Morris, Atty. Curtiss Taylor, William Nickerson, Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson, J. L. Patton, W. B. Campbell, R. T. Taum, Jessie Robertson, A. W. McDonald, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Wade Jones, O. L. Price, C. H. Hogan, Sr., L. G. Jolley, Nat Q. Henderson, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson Cunningham, Mrs. I. W. Rowan and 35,000 others.

WITH RECENT GRADS—

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Other Jobs:

Miss Margaret Bradshaw, teaching in New York Public Schools (Public School 408, Wietwyck School, Esopus, New York).

Mr. Luke Moore and Mr. Dennis Askey are publishing a magazine "The Easterner," out of Washington, D. C. The magazine has a high rating.

Mr. Fred Taylor is a very successful contractor in Oakland, California. His business runs more than \$100,000 per year.

Dr. James E. Guinn is practicing in Fort Worth.

Dr. James Madison is practicing in Houston.

Dr. John Franklin is practicing in Detroit.

Dr. Robert Bailey is practicing in San Antonio.

Dr. Charles White has just completed a course in aviation.

Attorney C. B. Bunkley is practicing law in Dallas.

Officers of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Student Association



Left to right: Mr. A. C. Herald, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Lulu White, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. R. T. Tatum, Treasurer; Miss Mable Kilpatrick, Pianist.

P. V. Alumni President Discusses Institutions Work

When the officers of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association met at the institution on March 23, the President of the group, R. W. Hilliard elaborated on the work of the institution. To quote him, "Quite a bit of misinformation is circulating about the work at Prairie View—especially graduate work. I sent out 20 odd letters and have received replies from most of them. No school system fails to recognize the Prairie View Master degree when there is a differential in pay between the bachelor degree and master degree. The practice varies in admitting master degree graduate students to other institutions to work on the Ph. D. degree. Only one individual reported that the work was not accepted. In that particular institution the bachelor work is accepted. Others reported that they were placed on probation for one term when they began work on the Ph. D. degree. In all cases on hand the individuals were released from probation after the term.

As for the undergraduate work all were accepted. In cases where an individual took say, Agriculture Education at Prairie View and chose to specialize in Agronomy or some other field, he naturally had to take some pre-requisites in the undergraduate field. Along this line several expressed regret for Prairie View not offering more majors in the fields of Agriculture, Home Economics and Mechanic Arts. As you know, the courses are primarily education for teaching. In short, that which is offered is well done but there exist a shortage of choices. Schools represented in questionnaire: Colorado

State, University of Southern California, Cornell, Michigan State, Ohio State and Kansas State.

The new emphasis on equal educational opportunities for negroes will enable Prairie View to hold most of the fine educators who are on the faculty and perhaps will make it possible to call back certain ones who have gone to other states. At present the institution has one of the strongest faculties in its history with eight of the members holding the Ph. D. degree, 48 the master degree and the other 50 odd holding the bachelor degree and special certificates.

Principal Evans' program is to hold these, and attract other men and women of the same high calibre.

Prairie View has not been blessed with an adequate budget in the past but she has not folded up in despair.

Prairie View Alumni Program Varied

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member of the secretariat of the United Nations; and to Mrs. Emma Wallace of Orange, Texas, outstanding educator.

The officers are:

Mr. R. W. Hilliard, President
Mrs. Jessie Robertson, 1st Vice-President
Mr. I. B. Kemp, 2nd Vice-President
Mr. A. C. Herald, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Lulu M. White, Corresponding Secretary
Mr. R. T. Tatum, Treasurer
Miss Mable Kilpatrick, Pianist
Mr. William Batts, Chaplain
Mr. D. W. Martin, Sgt.-at-Arms
Mr. A. W. McDonald, Parliamentarian
Mr. O. J. Thomas, Chairman, Membership Committee.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM—

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3. Try to influence some of the more talented high school graduates to come to Prairie View. We need some who can pay their way as well as some who must have help.
4. Bring one campus or association speaker to your club. You can get first hand information that cannot be secured through papers. Also sponsor a Prairie View organization (glee club, dramatics, etc.) if distance is not too great.
5. Entertain yourselves at intervals and perhaps give one invitation affair.
6. Affiliate with the state organization. It has a program, too.
 - A. Several papers are sent members.
 - B. Officers must meet, at an expense, to the association.
 - C. The association gives one entertainment (May each year).
 - D. It is now affiliated with the National Alumni Association.
 - E. Money is sometimes voted for such projects as:
 - (1) Athletics; (2) Welfare organizations; (3) Special school projects.

Finally, most clubs "die" because the Presidents "put off" one meeting, then two, then three, and then the club is dead. **Call that meeting every month.**